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1. SUMMARY: COLLUSION BETWEEN EMIGRE TERRORISTS AND
"CERTAIN VERY POWERFUL AND VERY INFLUENTIAL" CIRCLES
IN THE UNITED STATES IS BUT ONE OF THE OFFENSIVE THEMES
IN YUGOSLAV PRESS COMMENT ON HIJACKING OF TWA AIRLINER.
USING TIME-HONORED COMMUNIST PLOY OF DEFLECTING ATTENTION
FROM REAL CUASE VIA THE BIG LIE, MEDIA CALL AFFAIR
CONSCIOUS CONTINUATION OF PRE-COLOMBO CAMPAIGN OF
PRESSURE AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT,
CROW THAT HIJACKING IS LOGICAL RESULT OF UNITED STATES
TOLERATION OF EMIGRE TERRORISTS, CRITICIZE UNITED STATES
HANDLING OF SKYJACKING, AND SHOW LITTLE CONCERN FOR
LOSS OF LIFE AND DANGER INVOLVED. END SUMMARY.

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WM SKYJACKING OF TWA AIRLINER DOMINATES PRESS SEPT 13,
BRINGING TO NEW INTENSITY RADIO, TELEVISION AND PRESS
CAMPAIGN BEGUN SEPT 11. "POLITIKA" GIVES THE
STORY HALF OF PAGE ONE AND ALMOST ALL OF PAGE TWO.
THE SHORTER "BORBA" GIVES IT HALF OF PAGE FOUR.
TANJUG WIRE AND RADIO AND TELEVISION CONTINUE TO CARRY COMMENT.
TANJUG ALSO MENTIONS PETKOVIC'S DEMARCHE TO "IGLEBERGER."
CERTAIN THEMES HAVE APPEARED REPEATEDLY SINCE CAMPAIGN
BEGUN.

3. COLLUSION AND CONSPIRACY - HIJACKERS AND WHOLE
EXTREMIST EMIGRE MOVEMENT ARE PORTRAYED AS BEING
"HIRELINGS", A PRODUCT OF AMERICAN RATHER THAN YUGOSLAV
POLITICS. TANJUG'S DIPLOMATIC EDITOR WRITES THAT
THE HIJACKING "IS JUST ONE IN A SERIES OF CAREFULLY
PLANNED ANTI-YUGOSLAV ACTS CONCEIVED IN CERTAIN VERY
POWERFUL AND VERY INFLUENTIAL REACTIONARY US CIRCLES..."
"BORBA" EDITORIAL SAYS THAT THE CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF
EMIGRES IS "DEVELOPED, ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED" IN
UNSPECIFIC CIRCLES IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH DISLIKE
YUGOSLAVIA AS IT IS NOW AND WISH TO ATTACK ITS NON-
ALIGNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE.

4. PART OF A LARGER CAMPAIGN -- SOME EDITORIALS SEE
THE SKYJACKING AS BUT THE LATEST INCIDENT IN A CAMPAIGN
AGAINST YUGOSLAVIA. ACCORDING TO "TANJUG" DIPLOMATIC
EDITOR, "THIS CONTINUED CAMPAIGN AND THE TERRORIST
ACTS, COUPLED WITH THE IMMENSE COVERAGE IN THE
INFORMATION MEDIA OF THIS INCIDENT, ARE OBVIOUSLY AIMED
AT JEOPARDIZING YUGOSLAVIA'S PRESTIGE AND ITS INTERNATIONAL
ACTIVITY AFTER COLOMBO AND, IN PARTICULAR, ON THE EVE OF
THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION." IN AN EARLIER EDITORIAL,
HE SAYS THAT "THIS ANTI-YUGOSLAV CAMPAIGN WAS INTENSIFIED
IN REACTIONARY QUARTERS IN THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY
ON THE EVE OF THE FIFTH CONFERENCE... OF THE NONALIGNED
COUNTRIES IN COLOMBO..." (PRESIDENT TITO AND THE
YUGOSLAV PRESS CLAIMED AFTERMATH OF TOTH CASE AS PART OF
A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NONALIGNED MOVEMENT.) ZAGREB
"JESNIK" STORY BEING SENT SEPTEL MENTIONED SONNENFELDT
DOCTRINE AS PART OF PATTERN OF PRESSURE LEADING TO
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HIJACKING.

5. WE TOLD YOU SO -- YUGOSLAV COMMENTS HAVE STRESSED THE
MANY PREVIOUS WARNINGS AND PROTESTS WHICH THE YUGOSLAV
GOVERNMENT HAS MADE TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ABOUT
THE ACTIVITIES OF EMIGRE TERRORISTS. EDITORIALS PICTURE
THE HIJACKING AS THE LOGICAL RESULT OF THIRTY YEARS OF
TOLERATION OF THE EMIGRES BY THE U.S. AUTHORITIES. WITH

REGARD TO PREVIOUS ACTS OF EMIGRE TERRORISM, "BORBA"
SAYS "IN NO CASE WERE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOUND NOR HAS
ANY ENERGETIC INVESTIGATION BEEN UNDERTAKEN IN THIRTY YEARS."

6. THE U.S. SHOULD NOT HAVE NEGOTIATED -- U.S. HANDLING
OF THE SKYJACKING IS CRITICIZED FROM START TO FINISH,
PARTICULARLY THE PUBLICATION OF TERRORIST PROPAGANDA.
YUGOSLAVIA'S LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER, "VECERNJE
NOVOSTI," HEADLINED ITS FIRST
REPORT OF SKYJACKING "BFI DISTRIBUTED PAMPHLETS."
A COMMENTARY ON BELGRADE TV SEPT 12 COMPLIMENTED
THE FRENCH FOR FIRM ACTION TO END THE HIJACKING, BUT
CLOSED BY SAYING THAT THE INCIDENT SHOULD HAVE ENDED
MANY THOUSANDS OF KILOMETERS FROM PARIS. "POLITIKA"
BEGINS EDITORIAL, "WHOEVER CARES FOR HIS REPUTATION AND
INTEGRITY DOES NOT ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF TERRORISTS,
CRIMINALS, KIDNAPPERS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEM". IN
VIEW OF STATED US POLICY OF NO NEGOTIATION, TANJUG
FINDS IT "ASTONISHING THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAS FOUND
IT NECESSARY, CITING HUMANITARIAN REASONS, TO NEGOTIATE
WITH THE HIJACKERS." TANJUG SAYS THAT THE FBI IS NOW
"IN THE ROLE OF PROPAGATORS OF TERRORISM AND TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES." "TANJUG" CHARACTERIZES THE FBI AS
"BEHAVING IN AN IMPERMISSIBLE WAY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF
RELATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES AND YUGOSLAVIA."

7. IT IS TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO DO SOMETHING
ABOUT THE EMIGRES -- EDITORIALS CALL UPON THE UNITED
STATES TO FINALLY TAKE ACTION AGAINST EMIGRE TERRORISTS.
"BORBA" SAYS "IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT WILL DO WHAT IT SHOULD HAVE DONE A LONG TIME AGO
....PUNISHING THE SKYJACKERS BY ITSELF WILL NOT BE
ENOUGH."

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8. BILATERAL RELATIONS ARE AFFECTED -- CALL FOR
EFFECTIVE ACTION IS USUALLY COUPLED WITH MENTION OF
DETRIMENTAL EFFECT WHICH EMIGRE TERRORISM HAS ON BILATERAL
RELATIONS. IN STRONGEST SUCH STATEMENT TANJUG DIPLOMATIC
EDITOR WRITES, "WRONG ARE ALL THOSE IN THE UNITED
STATES WHO THINK THAT US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS CAN BE
MAINTAINED NORMALLY WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, THE US
TOLERATES ANTI-YUGOSLAV TERRORIST ACTIVITIES."
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